



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

17 June 2025.

Pentecost was celebrated with a Maitland Uniting Churches combined service at Bolwarra on 8 June. It was great to see so many come dressed in the Pentecost colours of red, yellow and gold. After the service we hosted a sausage sizzle, using our new BBQ for the first time. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to make this event a great success.

Steven Morris from MUNCH* presented our Treasurer, Louise Trist a thank you card at our service on 8 June for the large donation from the Bolwarra Harvest Festival. The funds were greatly appreciated to keep this valuable service continuing. MUNCH has recently installed a washing machine and two dryers with thanks to Carrie's place and Maitland Men's Shed. This laundry service will enable those without access to washing facilities to have clean clothing and bedding, as well as maintain dignity and comfort.



There was a good crowd at the Pentecost Service at Bolwarra on 8 June



Rev Dr Rod Pattenden and Stephen Morris talk about MUNCH at the Pentecost Service



New Laundry Service available at MUNCH

There was good representation across all churches at the Maitland Uniting Churches Planning Meeting on Sunday 8 June at Morpeth. The session was led by Rev Dr Cameron Eccleston who has a lot of experience in Mission, Growth and Innovation. Planning is essential for us to further refine our unified values, vision and mission. There will be two more workshops on 17 August and 21 September.

Congratulations to Lindsay Moxey for being elected the Maitland Regional Council Presbytery Representative.

Reminder that our next Bible Study will be held every Monday afternoon in July from 1-3pm at East Maitland Uniting Church Hall. See the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

On 29 June we have another baptism. We look forward to welcoming Thomas and Eleanor Clack into our congregation.

Our Spring Fair date has been set for 18 October. The Leaders will hold a meeting with the congregation shortly to plan another great community day.

There are several pews that are available for sale and the Leaders want to offer them to members of the congregation in the first instance. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Moxey on 0408468984.

After the recent rain event, it was discovered that the floor vents were closed. They need to always remain open to ensure the damp from under the building is kept to a minimum to protect our wooden flooring. Please check the floor vents are left open if you are in the church and especially after cleaning.

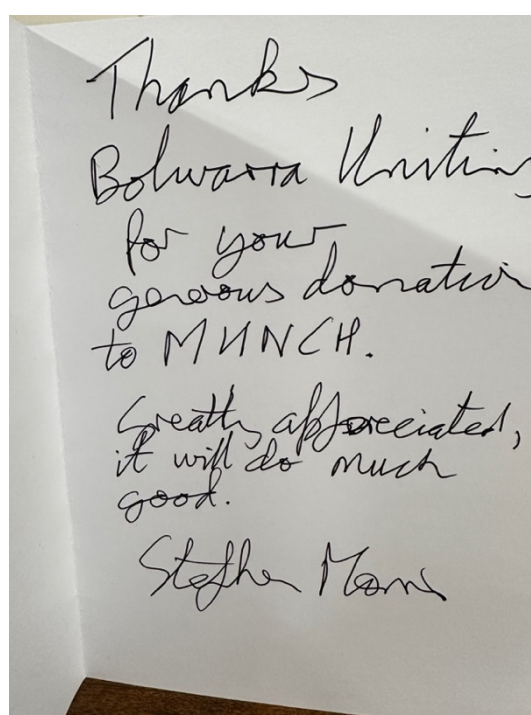
If you need to attend a Safe Church Workshop, three more training workshops have been organised by Hunter Presbytery. There is a flyer at the end of this Newsletter with more information. For more information, please contact Jenny Mathieson, Presbytery Secretary Email - jennyandray@bigpond.com.

On the first Sunday of every month a combined Maitland Uniting Churches is held, which is organised by Wendy Allomes from Maitland congregation. There is a different venue each month and this is a great opportunity to meet with members of other congregations. Wendy does appreciate an RSVP so she can ensure everyone has a seat. She can be contacted on 0494153739 for further information.

FOCASS is held every first and third Tuesday of each month. Please contact Denise Burton for more information on 0499844567.

Please remember to keep collecting recyclable cans and bottles so we can continue to provide financial to Safari and his family from Kenya. Bags can be left at the back door of the kitchen or in the garbage bins provided. Please contact Robyn Pont on 0428804081 for more information.

*MUNCH provides a meal two nights a week at Maitland City Uniting Church Hall and is the main provider of food, community and support in central Maitland for those facing hardship.



The Bible for Beginners



July Study Series

For so many of us what we know about the Bible is what we remember from Sunday School or Youth Group, perhaps a Bible Study or documentary. The Bible as the key text for Christian life is more and more contested – ‘Adam and Eve? You’ve got to be kidding me’. Today we know more about the culture in which the Bible was formed than ever before. How does the Bible speak to us today? Register by 3rd July to admin.MRC@nswact.uca.org.au or M 0493 828071. Led by Rev Garry Derkenne

Four Mondays 1 - 3pm
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th July
East Maitland Uniting Church Hall

Maitland Uniting Churches
provide a place to grow!
<https://maitland.uca.org.au/>

FOCASS

(Friendship, Outings, Community,
Activities, Sharing and Support)



Maitland Uniting Churches

1st & 3rd Tuesday

of each month

1:30-3.30pm

at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall

Cnr High & Northumberland Streets, Morpeth

Come along and bring a friend!

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Hunter Presbytery Training Workshops

Updated content. Valid for 3yrs.

**Warners Bay Uniting Church,
342 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay
Saturday 23rd August, 9am-12pm ***

**Morpeth Uniting Church
98 High Street, Morpeth
Saturday 23rd August, 2pm-5pm ***

**Muswellbrook Uniting Church,
Bridge Street, Muswellbrook.
Sunday 24th August, 1pm-4pm ***

*Attendees **MUST** complete the online component prior to attending the workshop. A link to the online component will be emailed prior to the event.

Register online at

www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/safe-church-unit/safe-church-training/

OR

scan here to register ➡

